SUBJECTS.

(2) that the documents presented should be accepted but might be returned within 15 days;

(3) that applications for copies should be accepted from 10 A. M. to 2 P. M. as in the Civil Courts;

(4) that arrangements should be made for the grant of a certificate, on payment of a fee of Rs. 2½, giving detailed information of all the documents executed by a family in 12 years;

(5) to adopt such measures as would prevent the document-writers from troubling the public.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

36. Re-transfer to Vaikom of the jurisdiction of the Pallipuram *pakuthi*.

Mr. P. C. Krishna Pillai, (Member, Vaikom taluk) said that the Pallipuram *pakuthi* was till 1083 under the jurisdiction of the Vaikom Sub-Registrar, when it was transferred to the jurisdiction of the Arukutty Sub-Registrar. Pallipuram was only 1½ miles from Vaikom, but Arukutty was 8 miles away. The Member stated that it would afford much convenience to the people of the above *pakuthi*, if the same be put under the Vaikom Sub-Registrar, as before.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

IV. Production and Distribution.

(1). Agriculture.

37. Measures for improving the methods of cultivation of gardens and wet lands, as the present system is attended with difficulties and inconvenience.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Kymal (Member, Shertallai taluk) said that the cultivation of the lands in the Shertallai taluk was difficult, as brackish water from the sea and the backwater which adjoined the fields often flowed in and destroyed the crops. During monsoon times, floods prevented cultivation, as there was no outlet for the water except by opening the bar. The inhabitants of the locality had to spend large sums of money to open and close the bar at appropriate seasons. The Member said that the construction of a canal right through the fields from Arthinkal to the Veluthully backwater, with a bund to prevent the inrush of brackish water, would enable the ryots to carry on cultivation without the necessity of opening the bar. He then referred to the old channels and canals which existed as *porambokes* and urged that they should be widened and put in order, so as to be utilised for agricultural purposes. The Member also stated that the opening of a manure depot in their midst would be of use to them in improving the soil, which was of a sandy character and required manuring.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

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